

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL STRATEGIC FOCUS AREA SUBCOMMITTEE**  
**RIO NUEVO/DOWNTOWN, ARTS, CULTURE AND HISTORY**  
ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION REPORT AND SUMMARY  
February 2, 2006

Council Member Trasoff called the Subcommittee meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. in Sentinel Building (320 N. Commerce Park Loop), Tucson, Arizona.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Nina Trasoff, Subcommittee Chair, Council Member - Ward 6  
Council Member Jose Ibarra, Council Member - Ward 1

COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENT: Vice Mayor Steve Leal, Ward 5

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Shelko, Rio Nuevo Director  
Albert Elias, Urban Planning & Design Director  
Marty McCune, Historic Preservation Officer  
Bill O'Malley, Rio Nuevo Construction Manager

GUESTS: Anne Woosley, Arizona Historical Society  
Bill Ponder, Arizona Historical Society  
Hartman Lomawaima, Arizona State Museum  
Beth Grindell, Arizona State Museum

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<p>1. Oral Status Report on Tucson Origins Heritage Park Pre-Development Activity</p> <p>Bill O'Malley and Marty McCune updated the subcommittee on the advancement of the RFQ for Tucson Origins design and construction management services. As directed by the subcommittee, staff met with Menlo Park representatives to review the proposed scope of work. Two representatives from the Menlo Park Neighborhood will sit on the selection committee. Mission Gardens will be accelerated. The AHS &amp; ASM, &amp; cultural coalition have also had a chance to review and comment on the RFQ.</p>	
<p>2. Presentations by the Arizona State Museum and the Arizona Historical Society Regarding Relocation Plans for the West Side Cultural Plaza Area</p> <p>Anne Woosely and Bill Ponder updated the subcommittee on the Arizona Historical Society's relocation. Hartman Lowmawaima and Beth Grindell updated the subcommittee on the Arizona State Museum's relocation.</p> <p>The museums are seeking a commitment from the City of Tucson to reserve five to six acres near the intersection of Avenida del Convento and Clearwater for the relocation of their facilities. The museums in</p>	

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collaboration with Origins, will be asking Rio Nuevo to fund a site development guidelines contract.

Chair Trasoff and Council Member Ibarra directed staff to work with the museums over the next 30 days and return to Subcommittee in March with:

- final market and economic feasibility studies;
- a funding request of approximately \$100-\$150,000 for site A/E work; and
- show demonstrable progress with respect to form and content of a term sheet for the IGA.

3. Downtown Projects Updates

Greg Shelko reviewed project changes since the last subcommittee meeting.

Chair Trasoff requested the developers for The Post and Rialto Theatre Block be asked to attend the next subcommittee meeting to provide an update on their projects. As part of The Post discussion, she requested that staff come prepared with a list of options for the City of Tucson if the developer is unable to move forward.

Greg Shelko advised that staff is also working on a Facade Improvement Program and a Code Enforcement plan. Chair Trasoff asked staff to return in 30 days with a report.

Chair Trasoff asked staff to resolve the risk management issue concerning the public participating in adobe making at the El Presidio de Tucson project as quickly as possible.

Regarding Nimbus Brewery, Greg Shelko said that independent parties have been engaged to review and comment on the feasibility of the project as presented in the proposal delivered on January 18, 2006. Chair Trasoff wants an opinion from the City Attorney whether this needs to go back to the full Mayor and Council if the project is deemed not feasible. The Council Members asked that the matter be tentatively scheduled for review and discussion at the March 23, 2006 Subcommittee meeting.

4th Avenue Underpass – Chair Trasoff requested this item along with Jim Campbell’s proposal be scheduled for the March 9<sup>th</sup> Subcommittee agenda.

4. Calendar

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The subcommittee set the meeting dates for 2006. The next meeting will take place on February 23 at 5:00 p.m. at the Ward 6 Council Office.	
5. Call to the Audience  Michael Toney spoke to the subcommittee on the 1999 election, under-grounding of the I-10 Interstate, Chicago Music Store and \$120 million TIF estimate.	